

**Fairfax County Small Business Commission
Small Business News**

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**Delay in Online Enrollment for
Affordable Care Act**

The Obama administration announced that there will be a delay in online enrollment for small business in the federally operated healthcare exchanges. Without specifying a reason for the delay the administration announced that small businesses can begin online enrollments on November 1, 2013, one month after the original start date of October 1, 2013.

The small business healthcare exchanges, referred to as SHOP will still be available to small businesses before online enrollment begins in November. During the month of October small businesses will still be able to enroll through paper applications, in-person meetings, and via the phone. A spokesperson for the Department of Health and Human Services noted that the delay in online enrollment will not detrimentally affect those who enroll because coverage under SHOP is not scheduled to begin until January 1, 2014.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/09/obamacare-faces-new-delay-in-small-business-enrollment-97401.html>

**NOVA to Provide Small Business
Training**

Northern Virginia Community College's (NOVA) Workforce Development Division and the U.S. Small Business Administration have reached an agreement to provide training for small business owners and employees. The agreement "provides a framework for both organizations to offer small business training support on a range of crucial topics through periodic workshops and seminars." NOVA's Vice President of Workforce Development William Gary Sr. commented that "this agreement represents an extraordinary teaming commitment that addresses the training and development needs of one of the most critical drivers of our regional economy."

Through the agreement, NOVA is currently offering courses on the Affordable Care Act and plans to hold future courses in government contracting, SBA financing, and other business topics.

http://www.insidenova.com/news/business/nova-workforce-development-providing-small-business-training/article_4cc06306-25cf-11e3-916e-001a4bcf887a.html

**Marketplace Fairness Act Resurfaces
Without Small Business Exemption**

Members of the United States House of Representative have begun debating the Marketplace Fairness Act which passed through the Senate in May, 2013 (See June 2013 Newsletter). The purpose of the Marketplace Fairness Act is to shift the burden of paying state sales tax on online purchases from the consumers to the retailers.

However, the bill being debated in the House has eliminated the small business exemption that was included in the Senate's version of the bill. The exemption excluded business with less than \$1 million dollars in total sales. House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) defended the decision to treat all businesses the same, regardless of size, by stating that tax laws "should be so simple and compliance so inexpensive and reliable as to render a small business exemption unnecessary." Rep. Goodlatte added that "Americans across the country are affected by the issue of Internet sales tax whether they are consumers or business owners."

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/on-small-business/online-sales-tax-resurfaces-in-congress--this-time-without-a-small-business-exemption/2013/09/24/d7ca7b70-2530-11e3-b75d-5b7f66349852_story.html

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